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SUBJECT: LJUBLJANA POWER COMPANY DIRECTOR SETNIKAR STEPS DOWN

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1. JOZE SETNIKAR, GENERAL DIRECTOR SAVSKA ELEKTRARNA LJUBLJANA (SEL) ONE OF CO-INVESTORS KRSKO PROJECT, ACCORDING TO BRIEF "BORBA" ARTICLE FEB 19, HAS DECIDED NOT TO SEEK REELECTION AS GENERAL DIRECTOR. THE ARTICLE NOTES "WERE HE TO BE A CANDIDATE, COMMUNISTS WOULD NOT SUPPORT HIM SINCE IN HIS CURRENT WORK HE HAS NOT BEHAVED AS HE SHOULD." AT WORKERS COUNCIL SESSION, SETNIKAR REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED FOR "LEADERSHIP ERRORS" AND "CERTAIN MORAL-POLITICAL DIVERGENCIES." SETNIKAR SAID TO HAVE ACCEPTED THIS CRITICISM AS "WELL-INTENTIONED" AND "BENEFICIAL."

2. COMMENT: SETNIKAR, RELATIVELY YOUNG (MID-FORTIES), AGGRESSIVE EXECUTIVE, MAY, ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH DEPOSED FOXKER LEADER KAVCIC. HE IS ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE PUSHED VERY HARD (AND PERHAPS ABRASIVELY) IN RECENT MONTHS FOR LOCATION NEW GAS-TURBINE INSTALLATION AT DOLSKO, WHICH LOCATION SUCCESSIVELY REJECTED IN FAVOR BRESTANICA AND TRBOVLJE. INITIALLY CONSIDERED AN ADVOCATE OF GERMANS IN RECENT KRSKO NEGOTIATIONS, SETNIKAR BECAME ONE OF WESTINGHOUSE'S FORCEFUL SUPPORTERS DURING FINAL SIX MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE SETNIKAR CONDUCTED SOBERLY AFTER SIGNING CEREMONIES THAT,

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TO VERY CONSIDERABLE EXTENT, INVESTORS' "SKINS" NOW DEPENDENT

ON ABILITY WESTINGHOUSE DELIVER ON KRSKO (PARA 6 REF A), WE
HAVE NO INDICATION THAT HIS DEPARTURE MAY RELATE TO ONGOING
NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING CONTRACT FOR PLANT AND INVESTMENTS BY
WESTINGHOUSE IN YUGOSLAVIA (IEF B).
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